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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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NOBUKO YAMAMOTO, et al. )  
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Application No.: 10/810,550 )  
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Filed: March 29, 2004 )  
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For: INFECTIOUS ETIOLOGIC )  
AGENT DETECTION PROBE : )  
AND PROBE SET, CARRIER, )  
AND GENETIC SCREENING : )  
METHOD ) October 11, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, together with English-language abstracts, are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Official Action, which is dated July 24, 2006, is enclosed.

WO 00-66789, which was cited in the April 11, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement, is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 2002-542808.

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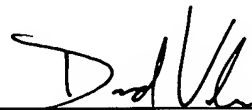
Japan 11-187900 and the Applied and Environmental Microbiology article, which are listed in the Japanese Official Action, were previously cited in the subject application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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